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Leasing of the lands held by the Depressed Class Tenants' Co-operative Society of Munagodu village, Guntur district.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. P. C. Moses: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that lanka lands with S. Nos. 371 B, 371 C and 371 D in the village of Munagodu, Sattenapalle taluk of Guntur district, were leased out in auction in the month of August in 1933;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said lands had formerly been leased to Depressed Class Tenants' Co-operative Society of Munagodu, Sattenapalle taluk, Guntur district;

(*c*) what the total amount of rental was which the society was paying for the year 1932–33; and

(*d*) what the amount realized in auction on the said lands was?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.

Rental for the lanka lands leased to the Depressed Class Tenants' Co-operative Societies in the Guntur district.

* 240 *Q.*—Mr. P. C. Moses: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rental per acre was which the Depressed Class Tenants' Societies in Pedakonduru, Munnangi, Ipuru, Bommanivanipalem, Annavaram, Tenali taluk, Guntur district, paid for 1932–33 for the lands leased to them by the Government;

(*b*) what the rental per acre fixed as reasonable for the lands referred to in clause (*a*) is for the present year;

(*c*) who fixed the reasonable rental;

(*d*) whether there were any orders of the Board of Revenue that concession in the matter of rental might be shown to Depressed Class Tenants' Co-operative Societies; and

(*e*) in fixing the rental for the lanka lands hitherto leased to Depressed Class Tenants' Co-operative Societies in Tenali taluk, Sattenapalle taluk and Guntur taluk in Guntur district, whether the economic condition of the members of the societies was taken into consideration?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Local Self-Government

Communal representation in District Municipalities and Local Boards.

* 241 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any proposals are under the consideration of the Government to give effect to communal representation in district municipalities and local boards?

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A.—The hon. Member apparently refers to recruitment to the services under local bodies. The Government have no proposals in the matter which is one for consideration of the local bodies themselves.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know whether the Government expect all local bodies to consider this question of communal representation and, if they do so, I suppose the Government will have no objection?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Certainly the Government will have no objection."

Mr. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that in several municipalities and district boards certain communities are not at all represented?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am aware of it."

Acceptance of lowest tenders for works.

* 242 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Government Order was issued recently directing local boards to accept the lowest tenders; and

(*b*) whether the Government have issued instructions to their engineers to accept the lowest tenders for works under irrigation?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answer given on 11th March 1933 to question No. 645.

(*b*) The acceptance of tenders for irrigation works is governed by paragraph 160 of the Public Works Department Code to which the Honourable Member's attention is drawn.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government are aware whether this Government Order regarding tenders is being given effect to by all the district boards?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government have not made any special enquiries as to whether the Government Order has been observed or not. The Government Order ought to have been observed in the usual course. The Government will know when a report is received from the auditor."

Mr. P. K. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government will issue instructions to these boards to keep the Government Order in force?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government Order has already been issued and I do not think it is necessary to inform them that they should observe the Government Order. If the reports are received from the auditor, then the Government will be in a position to know whether the Government Order has been given effect to by them."